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For: MULTILAYER CERAMIC CAPACITOR AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF

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Sir:

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In reply to the February 26, 2003 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13 and 15 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Three Times Amended) A multilayer ceramic capacitor comprising:  
  
internal electrode layers; and  
  
dielectric layers, the dielectric layers comprising particles, wherein an average particle diameter (R), in a direction parallel with said internal electrode layers, is larger than a thickness (d) of said dielectric layer, wherein a ratio (R/d) between said average particle diameter (R) and the thickness (d) of said dielectric layer satisfies  $1 < R/d < 3$ , wherein the thickness (d) of said dielectric layer is less than  $3\mu\text{m}$ , and wherein the internal electrode

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